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Murphy's laws on job searching

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1 -When you're looking for a job, you get nothing for three years and then one day you get three phone calls offering you a job, but unfortunately you're out jumping from a bridge.

2-Notwitsanding the fact that you spend 17 hours and had three friends helping you find the errors in your c.v., you discover that you wrote "I look forward to meeting you for an *intercourse*" in all 75 copies of your cover letter. Of course, by that time, they're already in the mail...

3-If McCarthy Tetrault left a message on your answering machine to offer you an interview, the call was for your roommate. Of course, the message didn't say that and you only find that out after making a total ass of yourself, calling to schedule *your* interview.

4-If you want to work at the McGill Legal Info Clinic, and during your interview someone asks you what you'd do with a misbehaving volunteer, you'll inadvertantly reveal your psychotic personality disorder by saying "I take him apart" instead of the more traditionnal "I take him *aside*" (you won't get the job).

5-If you find out what your calling in life is, you'll also realise that the deadline for applying to that position/institution is the very next day. Of course, that means that by four o'clock the next day, you'll need to get five

picture of yourself in different positions, four copies of your c.v., a psychiatric evaluation stating that you are NOT certifiable, letters of recommandation by: your first grade teacher, three law professors, a provincial court judge, the dean of your faculty and a competent supreme court judge (!). Fortunately, they're giving you an extra two weeks to find the unicorn horn and the jade monkey needed to complete your application.

6-In answer to the question "what do you think of our graphologist's report that you are suffering from acute schizophrenia?", you'll convincingly answer "we don't think so".

7-After three interviews on the same day, you'll end your last (and most promising) interview by calling your third interviewer by the name of the first one (who, by a strange coincidence, is his hated brother-in-law).

8-If you know someone in the firm where you're being interviewed, you won't find out that person has since been convicted of slavery under article number whatever of the criminal code until you mention his name and how highly you think of him.

9-The day after you refuse two great job offers (because you wanted to stick with the firm where you articted), you'll learn that you will be the firm's first and only articling student that is not hired back. Sure they had a

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Top Ten Ways

to Improve the Faculty of Law:

- 10) Light shows and cool sound effects.
- 9) Helicopter landing pad on NCDH roof for law school emergencies.
- 8) Offer courses to be taught in opera style.
- 7) Take the fan in room 102 and throw it into the Baltic Sea.
- 6) New marking scheme: 100% based on non-attendance.
- 5) During coffee house have a tickle-me-Dean Toope session.
- 4) Big fish tank full of guppies.
- 3) Install vines in the classrooms so you can just swing to your seat.
- 2) Replace mootng with mudwrestling.
- 1) After he retires, bring back Professor Durnford to fly the helicopter, water the vines and feed the guppies (just don't let him leave us).

BCL III & TOP URANIUM *STEVEN*
PROSPECTOR ON EARTH *LEITMAN*

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Law Games '97

An Unforgettable Maritime Mission

ANDREA

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WRIGHT

When imperfect execution of a mid night Molson relay through OCDH doors led to a ten-report salute from McGill security's finest, the McGill troops braced themselves for a bang-up, er...smashing trip. (We'll talk casualties later.) Complete with last-minute reinforcements who added colour (here's to you Blue Hair) and (morning-after) substance (wouldn't have been the same without you Coleman), the orange-clad contingent was a dazzling, if un mistakeable lot. The dreaded 18-hour bus campaign turned out to be a walk in a McDonald's park, sapping only the bottled spirits, and dulling nothing but the orange-suit phobia initially rampant among the first-year crew.

Fashion fears cured, vision already blurred, the Halifax Citadel was but a re-fueling stop for a 1000-strong siege on the Maritimes' cheesiest dance fortress. (The Palace was so good in fact, that the oh-so orange McGill-ites could NOT resist a little uninvited invasion a couple of nights later—see those locals stare...) Consistent with the Atlantic setting, the opening ceremonies proved a roaring sea of sickly Sherbrooke pink and make-you-wanna-vomit fish-kissing. Not to be gagged however, McGill did a little roaring and thrusting of its own (Jacques, I can't resist...Do you thrust much?), and retired at an hour that would make any sea-farer, er... LawGames-er proud.

There WERE some ATHLETICS involved right? You ARE starting to wonder

ONLY loss of the tournament. (Those guys deserve an honourable mention just for MAKING it to the arena in the morning, but that's a whole other Quid submission). Just ask the four 11-year old locals who out-graced our soccer team (a feat we didn't think possible) with a brilliantly executed half-time show. Just ask our 3 valiant casualties, who on second thought, probably ended up better than the rest of us: Alisse snagged a Universite de Montreal hat with NO loss of the now worth-its-weight-in-gold McGill uniform; and Erin and Daniel used their injuries to justify the expense of a tidy 11/2 hour FLIGHT home. (Actually, we hear Daniel won perfect 6.0s on his quadruple loop tumble at the rink. Too bad the sport was curling.) And aaaaagh.....the agony of all those semi-final defeats!! Finally, lest we forget Jonathan, who braved the tides of morning-after contests of COHERENCE to actually bring home an honourable mention in the moot competition!

And what synopsis of LawGames '97 would be complete without a mention of all those first-years who crammed into the Crown Royale (compliments CJ) cardgame to demonstrate new heights of card-hording corruption and merciless assignment of forced gulps? (Neither the game nor the Games would have been the same without you, you crazy first-years.....forgive us our trespasses for EVER calling you lame!!) Or without a mention of the pizza disc jockeys for whom we couldn't dance hard enough—tell me you've ever seen anything any-

Suite de «Murphy's laws...»

policy about hiring back all the articling students... but it was changed last week... 10-If, after receiving 153 rejection letters, you receive another and are too sad/tired/frustrated to be rejected once more and you trash the envelope without opening

it, it will have been a letter outlining a job offered to you (and they send it through the mail because they couldn't reach you by phone but were desperately certain that it was you and no other they wanted). Of course, if you open the envelope hoping for a job offer, it'll be your 154th rejection letter...

Gain valuable legal experience this semester

Wanted: Law students interested in volunteering time to assist with a class action environmental suit.

Five students needed: *Apply before Friday January 31st if interested*

Recherches Internationales Québec, located in Montreal, is searching for law students who will volunteer between 2 and 8 hours a week (depending on your other obligations) to help with the various tasks (legal and otherwise) involved in the preparation and continuation of a class action, environmental law suit.

Recherches Internationales Québec is a non-profit organisation dedicated to ensuring that Guyana's Amerindians obtain fair compensation for losses they suffered as a result of a 1995 effluent spill into

Guyana's primary river. The mining company targeted by this class action has its headquarters in Montreal.

Students will work with 2 Montreal lawyers who have already begun work on this issue. Volunteers may participate in all meetings of the legal team, including strategy sessions and will have some opportunity to assist in drafting motions.

While some guidance will be given by those involved in the case, volunteers must be self-directed and self-motivating.

If interested, please contact: Shelley Kath, 277-2405 or skath@po-box.mcgill.ca.

Bar Prize Moot

Venez assister à la plaidoirie de 4 étudiant(e)s de 2^e année devant un banc de trois juges de la Cour d'appel du Québec. Cette compétition se tiendra mercredi le 29 janvier à 17h30 dans la Salle du Tribunal-École.

if we FORGOT to play sports, so painless was our assimilation to the Maritime culture of all-night revelry and shameless substance abuse? (I can say things like that you see—I'm FROM that glorious part of the world.)

To answer your question: oh, did we shine the mornings after. Just ask Frederique Ruah: 3 consecutive hours of FLAWLESS aerobics and muscle toning to outlast EVERYONE in sight. Just ask the guys' hockey team who handed that team we all love to hate—Sherbrooke—their

where like that euphoric orange rave in a small-time pizza joint?!! And speaking of orange, nice gobstoppers in 226: only Greg and his pals could find a way to make paintball meet team colours meet party appetisers.

But I've said enough....the fallout from LawGames has us all dying with the flu, and ACHING to revisit the Maritimes. heh heh.

PS—If anyone wants a piece of our LawGames Maritime action, we're selling some t-shirts and tuques at some...um....Maritime prices.

DON'T FORGET US! Prochaines dates de tombée:

- 31 janvier: articles pour le numéro de la Saint-Valentin;
- 6 février: messages pour le numéro de la Saint-Valentin;
- 7 février: articles pour le numéro du 17 février.

ESSENTIAL INFO BELOW!

The Quid's Valentine's day box will soon be ready to receive your messages of passion and friendship: look for the box with the pink hearts in front of the Moot Court starting Monday, January 27th. You'll have until February 6th to pour your heart out. Faites vite si vous voulez participer au numéro spécial de la Saint-Valentin qui sera disponible le VENDREDI 14 février. We also welcome any article related to Valentine's day in any way.

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ÉTUDIANT(E)S DE PREMIÈRE, DEUXIÈME ET TROISIÈME ANNÉE!

Il sera bientôt temps, pour ceux d'entre vous qui seront ici l'année prochaine, de soumettre vos candidatures pour les concours de plaidoiries. Cette année, le processus de sélection pour les plaidoiries aura lieu au printemps.

Applications for next year's various competitive moots will be available at U.S.O. as of 9 a.m. March 17 and will be due back by 3 p.m. March 24. At that time, factums will be available and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the tutorial board for the run-offs which will take place on April 1 and 2. Decisions should be announced by April 7. Good luck to all interested parties.

Jodi Lackman
Legal Methodology Coordinator

Horaire du 24 janvier au 7 février

- 30 janvier: 9h: colloque "l'expérimentation en établissement de soins de santé"
- 31 janvier, 11h30: Legal Theory Workshop, "States, Nations and Cultures" Salle 202.
- 5 fev., 12h30: CCAM, C. Lanthier (ingénieur) "Grille Commerciale d'évaluation interactive des méthodes de règlement des différends". Moot Court.
- 7 fev., 11h30: conférence de D. Leydet, département de philosophie de l'UQAM (voir affiches pour détails). Salle 202.

Announcements

The TWO WEEK PERIOD for reviewing DECEMBER EXAMINATIONS runs from Monday January 27th to Friday February 7th. During this time students may meet with first term examiners to discuss their work. Students requesting a reread are reminded that the last day for so doing is Friday February 7th, unless it has proved impossible to meet with the instructor before that date.

Some students experience difficulty understanding the GRADES AS SPOKEN on the MARS recorded message. In view of this, you are strongly urged to verify your first term grades on OASIS when it opens to you on February 1st, 1997.

TERM II COURSE UPDATE INFORMATION. Current information will be found on the Electronic Bulletin Board and also on Board No.4 outside Room 102.

EXAMINATIONS for LABOUR LAW and RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES have been scheduled as follows: Labour Law, Monday April 28th, 09:30h, Resolution of International Disputes, Tuesday April 29th, 14:30h. The revised Examination Schedule is available from the OUS. REMEMBER, students may not register for courses which result in an examination conflict.

Prochaine date de tombée:
Vendredi 31 janvier ~ 12h00

Doin' the meringue in the Dominican Republic

DEANNA

LLB III

MATZANKE

And did I! The dear friends and colleagues I left behind after last summer's internship in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, told me that I may be Canadian in status, but I'm Dominican at heart. What a compliment ... but that was the social side of things. . .

The internship in the Dominican came about as a combination of my own initiative in setting up a viable project and the willingness of CLAIHR to adopt my project as one of their own summer human rights internships. You may think that the Dominican is a not the most likely place to go to work on human rights. It's paradise, right? For the tourists maybe, but Dominican citizens have it a lot worse, particularly women. I worked for the Centro de Investigacion para la Accion Femenina (Women's Centre for Feminist Action and Investigation -CIPAF) which was founded in 1981 by a group of intellectual Dominican women who were concerned with improving the status and conditions of women in general and especially women of their own country. It was the first centre dedicated to working on women's issues established in Central America and the Caribbean region. Originally, I was supposed to work on a Women's Senatorial Commission on which CIPAF had a seat and that was convened to examine Dominican laws and develop proposals for amendment that would effectively eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex. Unfortunately, however, political elections forced the Com-

My job was to work on a legal guidebook for doctors, nurses and social workers. Since the only violence against women which is recognized by the Penal Code is rape (this does not include marital rape) I decided to focus my attention on interviewing women who had been through the rigamorole. Unfortunately, I soon found out that nobody really knew what the process was so that I had nothing to work from.

What I ended up doing instead was researching the process by investigating the different institutions which are involved and which a women must deal with in order to have a legal case processed. This involved investigating hospital procedures, police procedures, and the role of the medical examiner. I wrote a final report which laid out the procedures in detail and identified the problem areas. I also made recommendations on the types of concrete measures that can be taken right now to coordinate the medical and legal sectors in their treatment of women in this situation. That report is now the basis for an initiative taken by the new Ministry of Women who has asked CIPAF to head a police sensitization project on violence against women. I have to say that I was worried at first that I was not working with a legally-oriented NGO. However, I can now say that the experience helped to give me a much better idea of how life and law intersect (or don't, in many cases) and I came to have great respect for the struggles of Dominican women to have their voice heard and to be treated with dignity. I came home feeling like I helped make a difference. I also

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Me Jacques Bouchard Jr



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President's choice

mission into recess and the project was reoriented.

The reorientation centered on a project initiated by CIPAF in partnership with the Municipal Health Authority to set up a series of Support Units for Women who are survivors of violence in the various health clinics in the National District. Aside from counselling and group therapy, the clinics were supposed to have a legal information component.

came home realizing how very fortunate I am to have been born Canadian and that Canadians in general don't know how good they have it.

If anyone has any questions that you would like to ask, please feel free to contact me at bkka@musicb.mcgill.ca. I also have contacts with NGO's in some other countries if anyone is interested in developing their own project.

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I wasn't very inspired this morning in writing my article. I'm sitting in front of the computer trying to find something original to tell you but...mes efforts sont vains. I guess it's just the result of starting-another-semester-interviews coming-no time-too much work- kind of feeling!

Well, this week I had a meeting with the Prez of all the Faculties. I learned from my MED buddy that all the people who don't have a bachelor's degree but who were traditionally able to obtain an independant status after 3 years for obtaining loans and bursaries will here on in be denied this status....Marois strikes again! Also, we talked about the budget of the Students Services. We'll vote on this at the February 4th meeting at the CCSS. If you want to see it please come to see me. What else...Oh yeah..the SSMU drafted a "Mission Statement of the SSMU" and an "Academic Policy on disruptions" (meaning no discrimination against people on strike). Again, if you want to take a look, come to see me or Howard.

Juste un petit mot pour tous les étudiants qui graduent cette année. Il y a 5 ans, des étudiants de la Faculté ont eu la brillante idée qu'il serait bon de penser aux futurs étudiants qui les succéderaient. Ils ont commencé ce qu'on appelle en bon français "Class Action". Je vous entends dire "Où est-ce qu'elle s'en va avec ses patins...". Class Action est la dernière de vos contributions avant de quitter la Faculté! Chaque année, les finissants choisissent un projet qui leur tient à coeur et qu'ils veulent voir se réaliser! L'an passé, 86% des étudiants de la classe se sont engagés à contribuer 150\$ (échelonné sur une période de 3 ans). Le premier versement est de 19,97\$, le

deuxième (dans un an d'ici) 60\$ et le troisième 70\$ dans deux ans. Don't panic, we'll talk more about it! I just want to prepare you mentally. Honestly, it's an awesome program and I hope everybody will contribute. I want to emphasize the fact that all the money will go to a project of your choosing and not to anything else. If you want to know more bout it, e-mail me.

La session dernière, une de nos étudiantes est décédée. Pour répondre aux e-mail reçus et aux diverses préoccupations à savoir si la Faculté a fait quelque chose pour la famille, sachez que plusieurs professeurs, représentants du LSA et étudiants étaient aux funérailles où le Doyen a fait une courte allocution. Des cartes de condoléances ont également été envoyées. Si vous avez des questions ou préoccupations, venez me voir.

Just for your information, the LSA has undertaken to send "Happy New Year" cards to law firms in Montréal this year (as well as some in Ottawa and Toronto) in the spirit of maintaining a close relationship with the law firms who show so much support. Hopefully, this will become a tradition in our faculty.

The fax machine is ready for your use! Just read the instructions and it should work!

Un gros merci à Andrea Wright et Grégoire Baillargeon pour avoir organisé les Law Games cette année!

Austin, Clare, Associate Dean Geller, Christian and your many volunteers, I hope everybody thanked you for all your efforts; Placement Day was a huge success and very informative! Careers Day was very well organized and we all had a "schmoozing-good time!!"

Don't miss the free Coffee Houses...don't forget your id card. This year, it's mandatory! Cheers!

Saviez-vous que? / Did you know?

VP CIVIL

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STÉPHANIE

JOHNSON

Mort lente de l'examen d'entrée au Barreau: l'automne dernier, le Bâtonnier Claude Masse a laissé savoir qu'il voulait imposer un examen d'entrée à l'école du Barreau du Québec, question de contrôler la qualité et la maturité des nouveaux venus dans la profession juridique. Mais une bonne nouvelle s'annonce: d'après le directeur des communications du Barreau (Léon Bernard) et le Doyen de la faculté de Droit de Sherbrooke qui siège sur le comité de consultation entre le Barreau et les universités (Jean-Guy Bergeron), ce cher projet ne ferait plus partie des priorités d'action du Barreau. Il faut distinguer semble-t-il, les projets personnels de Me Masse et ceux du Barreau... Ceci dit, les discussions au sujet du contingentement dans la profession se poursuivent (je vous en reparlerai dans le prochain numéro) et un rapport sur la position des étudiants de toutes les facultés de droit civil est sur le point d'être terminé. Le problème du surplus d'avocats demeure, et dans l'éventualité où le Barreau change d'idée ou manque d'idées, nous serons prêts...

Broadening your horizons as you article... For those of you who don't know it yet, the articling program in Quebec has changed. Don't worry, it's actually gotten better as far as McGill students are concerned, since most of us have it in our blood to discover the world... You see, if

you can find a lawyer who's a member of the Quebec Bar but practicing outside the Province, whether in New Guinea or Siberia, you could actually complete your full 6 months of articling there. Alternatively, it's also possible to do 3 of the 6 months anywhere in the world, with any lawyer, and the other 3 months would then have to be done in Quebec. All this of course would be subject to the Bar's approval once you're in Bar school.

La saison des entrevues commence... Je ne cherche pas à voler la parole à Christian Bergeron (qui fait d'ailleurs un super job pour le bureau de placement), mais je voulais vous rappeler que dans la dernière édition de la revue "Les Carrières du droit" (disponible au bureau de placement), vous trouverez une liste de plusieurs cabinets d'avocats des secteurs privé et public. On y précise qui sont les recruteurs, quelles sont les spécialités respectives des cabinets et dans certains cas, les prévisions d'embauche pour 1999. Si vous avez mis la main sur le cahier de la journée des carrières, c'est un pas dans la bonne direction, et la liste ci-dessus ne fait que mentionner des cabinets et entreprises (ie: Alcan, Bell) additionnels si ça vous intéresse. Pour l'instant, je vous souhaite bonne chance et essayez de ne pas trop stresser.

If you have any questions regarding Bar School, the Montreal firms' agreement, or anything else, feel free to come see me or send me an e-mail.

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L'entente est un document signé par de nombreux cabinets d'avocats de Montréal afin de faciliter la vie des étudiants durant la période de recrutement pour les stages et les emplois d'été. Elle prévoit cette année qu'aucune entrevue ne devra prendre place avant le 10 mars 1997, et qu'aucune offre d'embauche ne pourra être, directement ou indirectement, formulée avant le 7 avril 1997.

The agreement also specifies that students must be given at least 72 hours to accept any job offer and that this offer cannot be retracted before the expiry of the said delay. Finally, firms are forbidden from asking hypothetical questions to students to find out, before april 7th, what his or her response would be if an offer was made to him or her.

Si vous constatez qu'un bureau signataire de l'entente ne la respecte pas, venez me voir et les mesures nécessaires seront prises avec le cabinet responsable de l'entente cette année, et ce tout en gardant l'anonymat du plaignant.

If you have any questions relating to this agreement, feel free to contact me at the LSA, at home, or via e-mail.

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Tales from the girl formerly known as the red hair girl

HELENE

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Eh oui, j'en suis encore à cette forme moyenâgeuse de commentaire qu'est la chronique. J'ai beaucoup à apprendre avant de pouvoir de dire tout l'univers, la vie, sa bêtise et sa confusion avec un trou, encadré en plus, en plein milieu du Quid. Ce n'est pas moquerie: le grand espace blanc de Marcel a fait jaser bien davantage que mes petites contributions. Jalouse? Un peu. Mais impossible d'en vouloir à notre grand manitou de la mise en page, qui a su si bien changer vos habitudes en faisant du Quid ce qu'il est maintenant.

J'ai envie, aujourd'hui, de parler d'un sujet qui m'échappe, se faufile entre mes doigts et disparaît. Ça commence bien mal. Mais il s'agit d'un courant, d'une mode, ou de quelque chose de plus profond, qui me dérange, et sur lequel j'ai un peu de difficulté à mettre le doigt. Je vais tenter de m'expliquer, mais soyez indulgents. Il y a autour de nous (et en nous sans doute) un goût nouveau (me semble-t-il) pour le laid. Pour ce qui est fucké, mais pas dans le bon sens. Pour la folie, la paranoïa, pour ce qui est inusité, peut-être, mais comme on a l'impression que tout a déjà été fait, cet inusité prend un goût amer, et malade. Sick. Being screwed up is in. In the late 19th century, the romantic movement liked that morbid side of life, and they saw madness as something great, not so much as an ideal to pursue, but as a glorious end to everything. It's not the same today. Today, madness is not an end, or even a means of forgetting pain; it just is. Like we don't care

(I said big, not older...) and sister around the house again. Coup de coeur

Comme vous ne trouverez pas la chronique de Véronique Marquis dans ce Quid-ci, je lui emprunte momentanément son coup de coeur de la semaine, et j'en décerne un moi-même. Mon coup de coeur, c'est un bon bain chaud. Presque bouillant. Avec des chandelles près de la baignoire, et de la mousse dedans. Juste avant de se glisser dans des draps tout propres, tout chauds, et de s'endormir entre votre copain et un chat qui considère, lui, qu'il vous fait une faveur en vous laissant un bout de matelas. Un bon bain parce que vous avez mal dans le dos, que vous avez tant joué de la souris que votre épaule hurle à la mort, que vous avez tant lu de Commercial Transactions que votre cerveau est devenu du Jell-o aux bleuets, que vous avez eu sept heures de cours de suite (tous dans le Moot Court), ou que vous avez tant essayé de changer vos cours à la dernière minute que vous entendez la téléphoniste-cyborg de MARS dans votre tête. Un bain où il vous est interdit de penser à quoi que ce soit qui ait le quart de la moitié d'un lien avec la faculté, l'argent, vos beaux-parents ou la température à l'extérieur. Un bain pour relaxer, parce que c'est encore possible, même si ce n'est pas toujours évident. Plongez-y, tournez le petit bouton de votre cervelle à off (donnez-vous le droit, cependant, de penser un peu aux messages d'amour et d'amitié que vous ferez publier dans le Quid de la Saint-Valentin), et laissez la vapeur alourdir vos paupières. À la prochaine fois!

Parlement Jeunesse du Québec

PAULE

MORISSET

BCL III

Que faisiez-vous entre Noël et le Jour de l'an? Quelques étudiants de la faculté participaient au quarante-septième Parlement Jeunesse du Québec qui se tenait à l'Assemblée nationale.

Le Parlement Jeunesse a permis à quatre-vingt-cinq personnes «d'essayer» notre système parlementaire. Nous simulons le plus fidèlement possible notre système politique. Une exception de taille distingue toutefois le PJQ de la réalité: il n'y a pas de ligne de partie. Ceci implique que chacun s'exprime et vote selon ses opinions sur les quatre projets de loi qui sont présentés.

Les sujets débattus cette année étaient: l'intégration des nouvelles technologies de l'information et des communications en éducation, la réorganisation du temps de travail (semaine de 4 jours), la production porcine et la reproduction humaine

et les manipulations génétiques. En bout de ligne, trois des quatre projets de loi ont été sanctionnés par le lieutenant-gouverneur de la simulation, l'honorable Gilles Lamontagne. Notons que le projet de loi de Guylaine Le Clair (BCL III) sur les manipulations génétiques reçut cette sanction royale, après des débats et une commission parlementaire animés.

Cette quarante-septième législature fut un succès, surtout à cause du dévouement du Premier ministre, Patrick Ferland (BCL III). En plus d'être un bon parlementaire en Chambre, Patrick a organisé cet événement avec beaucoup de coeur. D'ailleurs, avec quatre autres personnes, il fera partager l'expérience québécoise en fait de simulation parlementaire aux Belges qui en seront, en février prochain, à leur première simulation. Ça fait quelques années qu'une délégation belge participe au PJQ et nous sommes heureux de voir que des Québécois se rendront en Belgique à leur tour. Bonne chance!

News re: Tuition Fees and Student Assistance Announced

FROM

MCGILL DATELINE

The Province's decision with regard to increases in tuition fees has finally been communicated to McGill from the Minister of Education, Madame Pauline Marois. In summary form, this letter -- without providing the detailed criteria for Quebec residency -- indicates that:

- There will be no tuition fee increases for residents of Quebec, and third-cycle

medical fields, and pure and applied sciences will pay an increase of \$57 per credit -- a total increase of \$1,710 for a 30 credit course load;

- Those in all other disciplines will pay an increase of \$27 per credit or \$810 for 30 credits.

In both categories of international students, there will be no grandfathering of existing students.

These fee increases will accrue to the revenue of the Quebec government and

anymore about life, and all that was left was not pain, not doubts, not even adolescent self-pity, but a big black huge nothing. We just don't care. You only need to watch a few videos on TV, or read books by some young authors, and if you're open to the idea, you'll see what I mean. It goes further than *Trainspotting* with its cool junkies and Calvin Klein with his half-naked 12 year-olds. And it seems to me it goes far beyond the old "no future" speech. As if we not only knew we had no future, but had acknowledged it, accepted it, and didn't even care. And I don't think this is only about a bunch of kids listening to Nirvana in a basement, this is a whole societal issue, and even when you're dressed in a three-piece suit, on your way to Ogilvy Renaud, you can't escape from it. And maybe that's what I find so distressing, the fact that there is no hiding place from whatever's going on in "real life", not even where, traditionnaly, there used to be. I don't know where I'm going with this story (I sincerely apologize for that). It's just another one of those little things that freak me out, and I had this weird thought that maybe perhaps it could somehow be possible that if I speak up, I'll find out I'm not alone... News from a sweet black kitty

Since I complained about my black princess' health in the last Quid, I now have to tell you that she is doing much better (told ya I wasn't letting her die). She now eats on her own, and, what's best, she started chasing her big brother

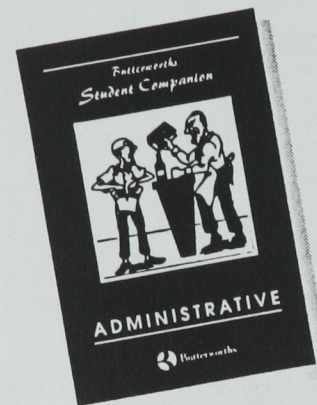
Cet espace vide encadré, comme celui de la dernière parution d'ailleurs, n'est pas une erreur, une distraction ou une omission de la part de l'équipe du Quid Novi. Il s'agit en effet bel et bien d'un authentique trou de mise en pages.

(doctoral) students, no matter where they come from;

- Bachelor and Masters degree Canadian students from outside of Quebec will be paying an increase of \$40 per credit. For those taking 30 credits during the year, this will amount to an increase of \$1,200, and there will be no grandfathering of existing students.
- International students who are not doctoral students will be divided into two categories:
- Those in medicine, nursing, para-

not to that of McGill. The full response of McGill to these changes is yet to be worked out.

"It is my intention to bring forward a budget model for 1997-1998 which will recommend a significant increase in the funds available for loans and bursaries," said Principal Bernard Shapiro. "Neither the size of the new allocation nor its terms of reference have yet been worked out, but Senate should be able to have a fuller discussion of the matter at its February discussion of budget plans."



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RUMOURS...

Well - I felt it was high time I cleared the air about this SPONSORED COFFEE HOUSE business! Despite the rumours running rampant through the faculty to the effect that there are 32 free Coffee Houses this semester, this is far from accurate!! (But thanks for your optimism!) I hate to disappoint (I aim to please!) but the truth of the matter is that there are 6 (six, seis...) Sponsored Coffee Houses this semester (which ain't too shabby in my opinion...):

- 1) January 23: Stikeman, Elliott
- 2) January 30: Goodman, Phillips & Vineberg
- 3) February 6: Martineau Walker
- 4) February 13: Robinson Sheppard Shapiro
- 5) February 20: Lavery, de Billy
- 6) March 6: Desjardins Ducharme Stein Monast

A PLEA FOR...

Although I know as well as anybody that the quest for free food and drink knows almost no bounds, I am making a plea for a little self-control this year (ie. wrestling caterers to the ground in order to have first claim to his or her tray would for example fall into this category!) Remember that these Coffee Houses are organized for the purpose of recruiting students, and that representatives from the various law firms are here to meet and get to know all of us. Don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to spoil the fun (as many

Time

BY SOULETTE GRAY

*Time is all that life depends upon
Time keeps you here tomorrow gone
It is time that puts you where you are
Conflict and time gave us two world wars
It is time that marks our destinies
It is time, it rules us to eternity
It is time that gives us seasons
And because of time every life has reason
Time gives way to moods and changes
Time is responsible for the technology ranges
Time is in your hands and mine
Time that can be used to benefit all of humankind
Humans count time on the clock
Time we know will never come back
Time hands to each one their "fair" share
And provides a comparison with each new year
The time will come when each one must account
For their lifetime and their amount.*

Beaucoup de mouvement à
l'association juive des étudiants
en droit de McGill (MJLSA)

GUYLÈNE

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LE CLAIR

Club dont on entend beaucoup parler dans cette faculté, il est associé à une longue tradition de dynamisme et d'enthousiasme. Il est aujourd'hui présidé par Ariel Deckelbaum, qui cumule également le poste de vice-président à la «Canadian Jewish Law Students Association». Plutôt que de se limiter uniquement à des activités facultaires, cette association fait partie d'ensembles plus vastes d'étudiants en droit. En effet, un tout nouveau regroupement a été formé pour représenter ou du moins rejoindre l'ensemble des étudiants en droit de religion juive de la région montréalaise: le «Inter City Council for Jewish Law Students». Aussi, bien qu'elle porte le nom de «Canadian Jewish Law Students Association», l'association présente à McGill demeure une entité distincte de ce groupe qui vise l'ensemble des étudiants à l'échelle canadienne.

Ariel Deckelbaum précise qu'un des objectifs premiers de cette association est de favoriser et d'encourager les échanges entre étudiants en droit de religion juive appartenant à diverses écoles. C'est dans cette perspective qu'un cocktail en l'honneur de cette nouvelle association, regroupant étudiants des universités de McGill et de Montréal a été commandité la session dernière par la firme Hillel. Plus de 100 participants y ont assisté: quelle

of you know, I'm a big fan of having fun!!) but, I just want you all to consider that the firm representatives do notice these "animalistic tendencies" and this may put future Coffee Houses in jeopardy!
BE FOREWARNED!!
A final comment - in the name of crowd

control, the LSA will only be giving law students access to the Sponsored Coffee Houses. So, come armed with your law student ID card, and leave your 10 buddies at home (they were just using you anyway!) This may seem drastic, but there have

been many abuses in the past and these events are organized for our benefit, after all! Just think, more food and drink for you! (Who knows, maybe this will lead to an alternate career path for the LSA representatives!)
Hope to see you all there!

popularité pour un nouveau projet! L'association prévoit même des rencontres avec des étudiants ayant l'intention de s'inscrire à une école de droit, question de les parrainer avant leur entrée!

Bien que les activités organisées par ces institutions soient ouvertes à tous, la

plupart des participants sont d'origine juive (une participation qui varie de 20 à 200 individus). Quoiqu'il en soit, ceux qui passent à côté de l'opportunité d'assister à des rencontres ou conférences accueillant des personnalités éminentes de la communauté juridique canadienne sont les grands perdants. Le trimestre dernier, l'Association a invité un conférencier de l'université de Toronto à présenter une analyse comparative entre les systèmes canadien, américain et israélien, sujet de sa thèse de doctorat. Alors que l'an dernier l'événement a eu lieu à Montréal (organisé par une étudiante d'ici, Dyanoosh Youssefi) dans quelques semaines, il prendra place à Toronto. Madame le juge L'Heureux-Dubé et le juge en chef ontarien y seront accueillis lors de cette conférence intitulée "Justice you shall pursue". Vérifiez les annonces!

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